relevant subjects. ...(*Interruptions*)... So, these are the present activities of the Commission ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, my second supplementary is this. ...(*Interruptions*)... What is being done by the Commission in respect of the following categories? ...(*Interruptions*)... What is the objective of the Commission; and does the National Common Minimum Programme think about competition? ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Sir, the consultation process is going on between inter-Ministries, and once the consultation process is over, we will bring the proposed amendments before the Parliament for consideration ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री सभापति: यह रिकार्ड पर नहीं जा रहा है। ...(व्यवधान)... यह रिकार्ड पर नहीं जा रहा है। ...(व्यवधान)... कोई रिकार्ड पर नहीं जा रहा है। ...(व्यवधान)... मैंने कह दिया है। ...(व्यवधान)... मैंने कह दिया है। ...(व्यवधान)... रिकार्ड पर नहीं जा रहा है। ...(व्यवधान)... मैंने कह दिया है। ...(व्यवधान)... कोई रिकार्ड पर नहीं जा रहा है। ...(व्यवधान)... Question 183. ...(*Interruptions*)... Q. No. 183. ...(*Interruptions*)... Q.No. 183.

*183. [The questioner (SHRI B.K. HARI PRASAD) was absent. For answer *vide* page 17.]

...(*Interruptions*)... Q.No. 184. ...(*Interruptions*)... Q.No. 184.

*184. [The Questioner (SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA was absent. For answer *vide* page 19.]

...(*Interruptions*)... Q.No. 185. ...(*Interruptions*)... Q.No. 185 ...(*Interruptions*)...

New refinery near Bina

*185. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. is contemplating a joint venture for setting up a new refinery in Bina and in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the joint venture;

(c) whether a detailed design and feasibility report for the same has also been prepared, if so, the estimated cost and capacity of the projected refinery; and

(d) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) have plans to set up a refinery at Bina (Madhya Pradesh) with crude oil import facilities at Vadinar (Gujarat) and a cross-country crude oil pipeline from Vadinar to Bina.

(b) BPCL and Oman Oil Company Limited (OOC) had formed a Joint Venture named Bharat Oman Refineries Limited (BORL) on 23.12.1993 to set up a refinery project. According to the Joint Venture Agreement, the final contribution by BPCL and OOC in the equity capital of BORL was 26% each. Later on, OOC desired to limit its contribution to the amount already contributed by them. Accordingly, a supplemental agreement was signed on 9.9.2004 limiting OOC's contribution to the tune of Rs. 75.5 crore and revising their rights accordingly.

(c) A Detail Feasibility Report for the refinery project was originally prepared in September, 1994. However, implementation of the project got delayed owing to the denial of certain environmental clearances. The refinery configuration has since been revised, keeping in view the changed demand/supply scenario and future standards for gasoline and diesel oil.

The approved cost of the 6 million metric tonne per annum capacity refinery project is Rs.6,354 crore (as of September, 2001 prices).

(d) Land for the refinery block at Bina and for the crude oil terminal at Vadinar have been acquired. The acquisition of Right of User/Right of Way along the route of the crude oil pipeline has been completed. All major statutory and environmental approvals for the project have been received. As of October 2005, the total comulative commitment for the project was Rs. 243.28 crore and the cumulative expenditure was Rs. 165.63 crore. Physical progress of the project is 5.3%.

SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister ... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Mr. Chairman, Sir, (*Interruptions*)....

MR. CHAIRMAN: You please come to your seat. (*Interruptions*)... You speak from your seat. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Sir, (*Interruptions*).... as the required environmental clearance has been obtained, why could not the pipeline be done? (*Interruptions*).... Sir, after the .... (*Interruptions*).... we started the process of.... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Q. No. 186. (*Interruptions*).... Mr. Ram Jethmalani.

*186. [The questioners (Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi and Shri Ram Jethmalani) were absent. For answer *vide* page 19.]

(*Interruptions*)... Q. No. 187. Mr. Dipankar Mukherjee. (*Interruptions*)...

Shutdown by LPG producing plants

*187. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:†
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of unforeseen shutdowns in LPG producing plants in public and private sector refineries during last six months, month-wise;

(b) whether a planned shutdown for 45 days was resorted to by Jamnagar Refinery from 4th October, 2005;

(c) if so, its impact on LPG shortage in the country in domestic sector; and

(d) the reason, for permitting such planned shutdown during peak demand in festive season?

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†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Dipankar Mukherjee.